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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	4004-001
First Inventor	Steve J. Aram et al
Title	Surgical Instrument and..
Express Mail Label No.	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☑ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) *(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2. ☑ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☑ Specification [*Total Pages* 26]
   (preferred arrangement set forth below)
   - Descriptive title of the invention
   - Cross Reference to Related Applications
   - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
   - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
   - Background of the Invention
   - Brief Summary of the Invention
   - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
   - Detailed Description
   - Claim(s)
   - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☑ Drawing(s) (*35 U.S.C. 113*) [*Total Sheets* 4]
5. Oath or Declaration [*Total Sheets* 2]
   a. ☑ Newly executed (original or copy)
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      i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program *(Appendix)*
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all necessary)*
   a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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      ii. ☐ Paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☑ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)* ☑ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. ☑ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☑ Copies of IDS Citations
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14. ☑ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

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Application Number	
Filing Date	January 29, 2004
First Named Inventor	Steve J. Aram
Examiner Name	
Group Art Unit	
Attorney Docket Number	4004-001

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee ($)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	750	201	385	Utility filing fee	385.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	520	207	260	Plant filing fee	
108	750	208	375	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	
				SUBTOTAL (1)	**$385.00**

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

			Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	23	-20*	3	9.00	27.00
Independent Claims		-3*			
Multiple Dependent					

Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee ($)	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
108	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
				SUBTOTAL (2) **$27.00**

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee ($)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee ($)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for *ex parte* reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive -unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify):					
Other fee (specify):					
Other fee (specify):					

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) **$40.00**

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